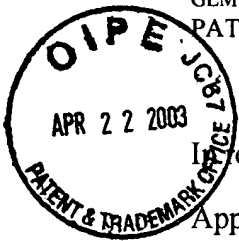


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AMENDMENT**Technology Center 2100**

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2002, please amend the above-referenced Application as follows:

In the Title:

Please amend the title to read "DISTRIBUTING SOFTWARE VIA DISTRIBUTION FILES".

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 32 with the following paragraph:

b1
A call to MSSFVerify() by the network browser 110 decrypts with a public RSA decryption key, the encrypted original SHA hash value received in the self-extracting distribution file. One or more public RSA decryption keys are typically published by the software distributor. The private key is not published. The SHA hashing process is then used to compute a second SHA hash value. The second SHA hash value is compared with the original SHA value sent in the digital signature.

In the Claims:

Please add the following claim:

56. (New) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a file built according to the method of claim 39.